

Energize Indiana Update

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The News in Brief...

Lucky Seven: O'Bannon, Kernan highlight EI programs at ISU

Governor Frank O'Bannon and Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan, and five job creation leaders told a large crowd Wednesday how to energize West Central Indiana at the seventh of 12 Energize Indiana forums around the state. Indiana State University President Lloyd Benjamin also made remarks.

"We never had an opportunity when we first started to have all of this presented to us at one time. We didn't have it presented in such a detailed fashion. Putting it under one umbrella, Energize Indiana, and providing us with guidelines to look at is advantageous to us."

William Ramirez, vice president, ThyssenKrupp Presta, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, 8-13-03



Gov. O'Bannon and Lt. Gov. Kernan with Region 6 Commerce staff Nicole Moyer, administrative coordinator, and Andrew Conner, acting regional director. Region 6 Director Chris Pfaff is on active duty with the Indiana National Guard.

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Partnership helps energize West Central Indiana



Gov. O'Bannon and Lt. Gov. Kernan, with members of the Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster. Pictured from left to right are: Lt. Gov. Kernan; Gary Wolfe, Morris Manufacturing; Kristen Clary, Parke Co. Economic Development; Keith Moentor, Sony DADC; Mary Helen Weisheit, CARS; Sharon Beasley, ThyssenKrupp Presta; William Ramirez, ThyssenKrupp Presta; Archie Kappel, Aisin Brake and Chassis; and Gov. O'Bannon.

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Economic profile:

Department of Commerce Region 6

Clay, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties

Profile: West Central Indiana region is crossroads for transportation, education hubs

The eight counties that make up the Indiana Department of Commerce's Region 6 are a center of transportation, higher education and industry – with growth opportunities abounding. Region 6 is home to seven colleges and universities as well as Interstate 70, U.S. 41 and active rail lines that offer businesses easy access to the region's cities, towns and counties.

Success story: Advanced Manufacturing Cluster

Partnerships are an essential part of any job creation effort. In West Central Indiana, no one knows this better than the partners of the Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster. The cluster promotes and develops the advanced manufacturing industry in Region 6. As Indiana and the United States move away from traditional manufacturing jobs, it is essential to promote new processes and methods of producing goods to remain competitive. The industry-led cluster includes about 7,500 employees and about 20 companies from six Indiana counties plus two in Illinois and is coordinated by the Western Indiana Workforce Investment Board.